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EXAMINATIONS FOR TEACHER CERTIFICATION

California state laws and regulations require individuals pursuing credentials authorizing service in California's public schools to verify proficiency in a number of areas. The required level of proficiency may be verified by passing one or more Commission-approved examinations. Refer to the information leaflet related to the credential you are seeking for your specific examination requirements. It is an individual's responsibility to take the correct examination(s) and to contact the Commission when questions arise.

The following is a reference list of the examination programs and testing companies under contract with the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing to administer each examination. Contact the testing company to obtain examination registration materials and information on administration procedures, examination score reports, and preparation materials. Faxed registration forms are not acceptable.

When new examinations are created to replace existing examinations, there is often a delay in receiving score results from the initial administration of new examinations because of the time it takes to establish passing standards. Check the Commission's website often for updates.

Examination and Testing Companies

California Basic Educational Skills Test (CBEST) -- Demonstration of proficiency in basic reading, writing, and mathematics skills

CBEST Program
National Evaluation Systems, Inc.
P.O. Box 340880
Sacramento, CA 95834-0880
(916) 928-4001
TDD: (916) 928-4191
Fax: (916) 928-6110
Automated System (24 hours a day): (800) 262-5080
Website: www.cbest.nesinc.com
E-mail: available through website

California Subject Examinations for Teachers (CSET) – Demonstration of subject-matter competence for Single Subject and Multiple Subject Teaching Credentials. Information regarding appropriate subject matter examinations can be found in Verifying Subject Matter Competency Examination leaflets [CL-674M](#) for Multiple Subject or [CL-674S](#) for Single Subject.

CSET Program
National Evaluation Systems, Inc.
P.O. Box 340789
Sacramento, CA 95834-0789
(916) 928-4003
TDD: (916) 928-4191
Fax: (916) 928-6110
Automated System (24 hours a day): (800) 205-3334
Website: www.cset.nesinc.com

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California Teacher of English Learner (CTEL) Examination/Bilingual, Crosscultural, Language and Academic Development Examination (CTEL/BCLAD) -- Demonstration of competence in knowledge, skills and abilities necessary for effective teaching of English Learners

CTEL/BCLAD Program
National Evaluation Systems, Inc.
P.O. Box 340819
Sacramento, CA 95834-0819
(916) 928-4002
TDD: (916) 928-4191
Website: www.ctel.nesinc.com

Reading Instruction Competence Assessment (RICA) -- Demonstration of knowledge and skills necessary for effective teaching of reading

RICA Program
National Evaluation Systems, Inc.
P.O. Box 348150
Sacramento, CA 95834-8150
(916) 928-4004
TDD: (916) 928-4191
Fax: (916) 928-6110
Automated System (24 hours a day): (888)793-7999
Website: www.rica.nesinc.com

Preliminary Educational Technology Test (PET) -- Demonstration of effective use of technology at a basic level

CSET Program
National Evaluation Systems, Inc.
P.O. Box 340789
Sacramento, CA 95834-0789
(916) 928-4003
TDD: (916) 928-4191
Automated system (24 hours a day): (800) 205-3334
Website: www.nesinc.co/cs_testguide_PETopener.asp

School Leaders Licensure Assessment (SLLA) -- Demonstration of skills in situational analysis, problem solving and decision making in educational leadership

Educational Testing Service
Teaching and Learning Division
P.O. Box 6051
Princeton, NJ 08541-6051
(609) 771-7395
TTY: (609) 771-7714
Fax: (609) 530-0581 or (609) 771-7906
Automated System (24 hours a day): (800) 772-9476
Website: www.ets.org/sls/slsaboutslla.html

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Teaching Foundations Examination (TFE) – Demonstration of basic teaching foundations used to satisfy the required education course work in a teacher intern program

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P.O. Box 6051

Princeton, NJ 08541-6051

(609) 771-7395

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Fax: (609) 530-0581 or (609) 771-7906

Automated System (24 hours a day): (800) 772-9476

Website: www.ets.org/praxis/